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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

Country Music Entertainer of the Year recognition returns

An Australian Country Music Entertainer of the Year award will be announced this coming January during the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

The award, being re-established by Australia's Country Music Bulletin and Australian Country Music People's Choice Awards, will be determined following a nomination process involving representatives from Australia's country music broadcast and other media sectors.

"It's high time this special award returned," said the Bulletin's Bob Kirchner. "It's been an on-again off-again process over the years and we're delighted that we are able to facilitate its re-introduction on a permanent basis."

"The award fits perfectly with our group," Bob said. "Unlike the Golden Guitars, which are for recorded material, and the TSA Awards, which are dedicated to songwriting alone, 'entertainment' is a much broader field of view, one which sits neatly with the comprehensive industry coverage of the Bulletin and within a populist awards scheme like People's Choice."

Criteria for nomination for Australia's Country Music Entertainer of the Year will include, but not be limited to... commercial success of recorded material, sales/streaming of recorded material, concerts/tours successfully undertaken, prominence in the media (including social), general activity and success as an entertainer and involvement in philanthropic aspects of the community.

Broadcasters and other media representatives are currently being invited to participate in the nomination process.

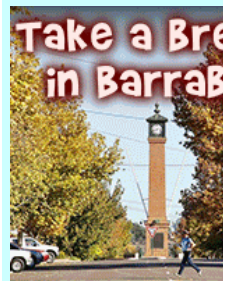
If you are in the business, don't receive an invitation and would like to be involved, email bob@countrymusicbulletin.com.au.

The 2023 Australian Country Music Entertainer of the Year award will be announced during the People's Choice Awards and presented during the Tamworth Country Music Festival. A list of final nominees will be published prior to the start of the Festival.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

TSA semi-finalists announced

Semi-finalists in the TSA (Tamworth Songwriters' Association) 2022 Songwriting Contest and Songwriter Salute Awards have been announced.

Finalists will be announced shortly. Winners will be announced at during the Awards Concert at The Longyard Hotel, Tamworth, on Tuesday January 17.

And the semi-finalists are...



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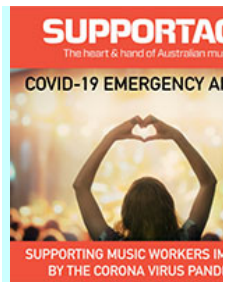


In Alt Country

1823 ... Dave Diprose
 Australia ... Ben Mitchell
 Black Dress ... Billie Copeland, Mitch Hagger
 Blue Jeans ... Sammy & Matt Hollier & Matt Wiles
 Built Like Us ... Felicity Dowd
 Can't Bring Back the Dead ... Billie Copeland, Peta Cherae Peters
 Consider Me Gone ... Chloe Styler
 Don't look back ... Brian Stitt
 Everybody Knows Your Name ... Lucie Tiger O'Connor
 Flag at a Bull ... Simon Drew
 Fly to You ... Patrick Kenny, Kelsey Berrington
 Gabriel ... Bradley Christmas, Richard Gosling
 Heart Break Subway Train ... Billie Copeland Peta Cherae Peters
 High School Reunion... Kiara Rodrigues
 Home ... Billie-JoPorter, Pete Dyball, Sam Dyball
 If You Could Only Find The Time ... KylieAdams-Collier
 I'll Give You Heartbreak ... Amy Ryan, Melody Moko
 Let The Good Times Roll ... Lucie Tiger O'Connor
 Like Bob Said ... Billie-JoPorter, Kelly Breuer
 Living On Love ... Lucie TigerO'Connor
 Love Lies and Dirty Dishes ... AndyPenkow, Allan Caswell
 Mediocreville ... Cathy Dobson
 Now I Know ... Dennis Comino
 October Haze ... Dennis Duigan
 Sky Falls Out Of You ... Susan Muranty, Sven Tydeman, Ritchie Neville
 Slaying Ghosts ... Billie Copeland, Peta Cherae Peters
 Strong Enough ... Anita Spring
 Taking Bad with the Good ... Alan Bruce, Geoff Zenner
 The Cattle Truck ... Jo Caseley
 This Is Home ... Ben Mitchell
 This Is Your Captain Speaking ... Ben Mitchell
 Times Done Changed ... Simon Drew
 Too Many Bottles of Rum ... Terry Bennetts, Keith Lethbridge
 Too Much ... Amber Kenny
 Too Much Space ... Sari Abbott, Cass Hopetoun, Blake Dantier
 When She Gets Home ... Blake Dantier, Michael Carpenter
 Where We Stand ... Chloe Styler

Country Ballad (the John And Judy Martin Commemorative Award)

Beauty of the Bush ... Andrew Ryan
 Big Red ... Virginia Hermel
 California ... Ian Burns
 Don't Say When ... Blake Dantier
 Driving Me Insane ... Norman Crew
 Dunolly Drover ... AJ Leonard, Paul Neuendorf
 Fallen Snow ... Andy Penkow, Rip-Van Park
 Four Hundred K'S ... Mackenzie Lee Hall
 From The Ashes ... Matt Scullion, Col Finley
 Hitting The Wall ... Tony Kennelly
 I Love This Rodeo ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell
 I Still Think About You ... Sandy McNaughton, David Javier Sarmiento
 I Wanna Write a Song ... Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer
 I'm Going OK ... John Wright
 Indiana Rose ... Ron Osborn
 Life In A Small Country Town ... Dave Diprose
 Little Shadows ... Shaza Butler, Shaza Leigh, Kassidy Jewell
 Love Me Through The Lonely ... Wendy Wood
 Lovesick ... Esme Macdonald
 Lucinda ... Bradley Christmas
 Mama You Should See This ... Lily Grace, Jake Davey
 Man With All The Charm ... Toria Richings
 My Turn Now ... Della Harris, Clive Young
 Never Want To Leave This Town ... Dave Diprose
 No Tomorrows ... Susan Muranty, Damien Leith
 Old Time Dances ... Stan Lenz
 On a Summer's Night ... Kylie Adams-Collier
 Our Fallen Heroes ... Brian Murray, Jeanne Murray
 Place Like Home Lily Grace, Dakota Striplin
 Please Make It Me ... Willow .
 Red Wine and Blue ... Emily Hatton
 So Far So Good ... Wendy Wood
 Steel Town ... Alan Gilmour
 Still In Love With You ... Steve Montgomery
 Take The Wheel ... Craig Lloyd, David Carter, Merelyn Carter
 Taking it All Away ... Don Cowling
 The Brumbies' Fate ... Jo Caseley, Richard Roberts
 The Old Guitar ... Andy Penkow
 The Sky Is My Country Too ... Susan Muranty, J Edna Mae
 Time ... Steve Montgomery
 Troop Train ... Peter Monaghan
 Turquoise ... Susan Muranty, Renee Jonas
 What Can I Say ... Alice Benfer, Sam Hawksley
 When I Fall ... Anita Spring, Allan Caswell, Lindsay Waddington
 Wide Open Spaces ... Dayle Alison Walker
 Would You like to Learn to Fly ... Steve Montgomery
 Your Voice ... Willow ... David Carter



Country Rock

B & S Ball ... Mark Rigney
 Back Again ... Greg Herbert
 Better Than I am ... Maddie Cail
 Book Cover ... Tracey Rowland, Sandy Robinson
 Bucket Of Beers ... Lucie Tiger O'Connor
 Burn It Down ... Lucie Tiger O'Connor
 Country Boy ... Jax Tonic
 Every Day is Anzac Day ... Benn Gunn, Andrew Cavanagh
 Heart Like a Wheel ... Tony Marks
 I Got a Feeling ... Cathy Dobson
 I Just Want To Hold You ... Wendy Wood
 Journey of Your Life ... PaulWhite, Craig Pinkney, Mick Burn, Bert Giancristafaro
 Label Me A Killer ... Billie Copeland, Peta Maree Richards
 Livin' Country Fun ... Andrew Ryan
 Love Yourself ... Ross Webb
 My Side of Town ... Paul Ricketts
 Never Tasted Dirt ... Alice Benfer, Brendan Smoother
 Out Of My Hands ... Willow .
 Raining Down on Me ... Cathy Dobson
 Right Down To The Wire ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell
 Right Next To You ... Lucie Tiger O'Connor
 Second-Hand Heart ... Lily Grace, Lee Bowman, Paula Bowman
 The Two Of Us Meet ... Lily Grace, Chaise Flanders
 The Outlaws ... Ian Burns
 Truth Juice ... Della Harris, Clive Young
 Twistin ... Mark Rigney
 Wish You Were My Beer ... Blake Dantier
 With Her ... Craig Woodward

Traditional (the Eric Watson Commemorative Award)

A Song to Find Peace with Leaving ... Teri Young
 Ain't Too Late (To Start Again) ... TC Cassidy, Angus Gill
 All Alone ... ThomasLibreri, Annie June, LilyGrace, James Blundell
 Arnhem Land Sunset ... Jeff Aschmann
 Big Bandy ... Virginia Hermel
 Concrete Cowboy ... Ruby Jane Shirreff, Catherine Britt
 Crumbling Stones ... Lola Brinton, Graham Howle
 Don't Sell Australia Out ... Jason Carruthers, Chris Long
 From A Migrants Pen ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell
 Honeycomb and Glue ... Felicity Dowd
 In The Valley ... Kylie Adams-Collier
 Lawson's Legacy ... Shaza Butler, Shaza Leigh, Billy Wye
 Let's Pretend ... Alice Benfer, Sam Hawksley
 Memories of My Old Town ... Kylie Adams-Collier
 Misty Mountains ... IanBurns, Lachlan Bryan
 Proceed With Caution ... Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer
 Proud to Call You Dad ... Lloyd Back
 Smoke and Perfume ... Kim Copedo
 Sons of the Saddle ... Terry Bennetts
 Stock Routes of Australia ... Peter Dawson, John Davis, Colin DeFries
 The Apron ... Vickiree Melouney, Angus Gill
 The Legend Of The Lamp ... Matt Scullion
 The Mountain ... Barry Walker
 This Little Town ... Roger Corbett
 West Of The Great Divide ... Stan Lenz
 You Don't Have To Be A Hero ... Michelle Little
 You Don't Mix Whiskey ... Blake Dantier

Bluegrass

Bad Livin' ... Dave Diprose
 Country Style Music ... Chris Treuer, Kenny Gallagher
 I'm Working ... Dave Diprose
 Lawman ... Dennis Duigan
 Not That Kind of Girl ... Anita Spring, Allan Caswell, Lindsay Waddington
 One Man Woman ... Mark Rigney
 Poor Boy ... Stan Lenz
 Rollin' On ... Dave Diprose
 Sitting Pretty ... Amy Ryan, M Stripp, J Mize, McCaw, L Milner
 Stranger In My Home ... Dave Diprose
 The Land Up Over ... Ben Mitchell
 The Willow Weeps For Me ... Kylie Adams-Collier, John Seers
 This Town ... Dave Diprose
 True Love ... Kylie Adams-Collier, Lola Patricia Brinton
 Until This Song Ends ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell
 When Your Lies Come Down ... David Javier, Sandy Louise

Bush Ballad (the Bev Daniel Commemorative Award)

Below Tamborine Town ... Katelyn Newlands, Neil T Simpson
 Beneath the Southern Cross Once More ... Steve Roberts
 Black North Queensland Snow ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell, Manfred Vijars
 In the Warrego ... Andrew Ryan
 It Goes To Show ... Lloyd Back
 Long Way Round ... Peter Coad
 Port Davey Track Anthem ... Teri Young

Raining On The Plain ... Ron Osborn
 She Was a Cowgirl ... Steve Montgomery
 Sometimes It's Your Job ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell, Manfred Vijars
 Special Things ... Warwick Trant
 Stand Up For Slim ... Shaza Butler, Shaza Leigh, Dudley 'Spud' Corbett
 The Dinner Tree ... Terry Bennetts
 The Drover ... Clayton Saunders
 The Fencing Line ... Mark Griffin
 The Goobragandra Packhorse Man ... Brian Stitt
 To Keep Family Alive ... Ben Mitchell
 Waler ... Peter Monaghan

Comedy/Novelty (the Geoff Mack Commemorative Award)

Aussie As ... Mark Rigney
 Bad Livin' ... Dave Diprose
 Blue Grenadier ... Don Cowling
 I Don't Drink Anymore ... Lindsay Waddington, Allan Caswell
 If You Can't Beat 'Em ... Justin Standley
 I'm A Serious Giggin' Muso ... Floyd Black
 In the Neck ... Thomas Libreri, Tessa Libreri
 Modern Day Country Song ... Mark Rigney
 Pappy's Farm ... Allan West, Leo McSorley
 Santa's In My Family ... Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer
 The Aussie Bush Mechanic ... Terry Bennetts, Keith Lethbridge
 Wrong ... Blake Dantier

Country Blues

A Little Faith ... Cathy Dobson
 Cheat on Me ... Cathy Dobson
 Country Blues ... Ben Mitchell
 Empty ... Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer
 Hey Cowboy ... Ian Burns
 I'm Leaving You ... Norman Crew, Dylan Reisch
 Keep the Rhythm in Me ... Andy Penkow
 Last Call ... Blake Dantier
 Mamma's Table ... Kylie Adams-Collier
 Missed Opportunity ... Willow
 Must Have Been The Wine ... Della Harris, Clive Young
 Pleasure and Pain ... Bradley Christmas
 Short Term Gain, Long Term Pain ... Felicity Dowd
 Solitary Man ... Andrew Ryan, Jen Mize, Kaetlan Grealley
 The Devil You Know ... Lucie Tiger O'Connor

Gospel/Spiritual (the Britton Morrison Commemorative Award)

A Table For Two ... Steve Stemp
 God Knows ... Clayton Saunders
 Hear The Angels ... Shaza Butler
 I Can Count on You to Walk with Me ... William Langhorn
 I Love My Life ... Shelly Jones, Lester Treuer
 It's the Gift ... Thomas & Tessa Libreri
 Judgement Day ... Peter McDonald
 Lord, Crush all Evil ... Peter McDonald
 Love Me ... Rae Leigh
 One Short Hour ... Alex Varlow
 Second Chance ... Peter McDonald
 Super Hero Jesus ... Justin Standley
 Sweet Jesus Carry Me ... Justin Standley
 Sweet Loretta ... Alan Gilmour, Shirl Llewellyn
 Take me Back ... Garry Jones
 Train Of Love ... Stan Lenz
 Walk with God ... Ron Till

Local Heroes

1942 ... Peter Coad, V. Hermel
 A Dozen Letters ... Sandy McNaughton, Phillip Doring
 Beneath the Southern Cross Once More ... Steve Roberts
 Bound For Glory (Charles Perkins) ... Alan Gilmour
 Father's Eyes ... Allan Cameron
 Free Again ... Karen Law
 Gallipoli ... Peter Monaghan
 Heartstrings ... Amy Ryan, Ashleigh Dallas
 I'm Here (Based on Real Heroes, Real People, Real Events) ... Justin Standley
 Johnny ... Noeleen Smith
 Pitjantjatjara ... Jeff Aschmann
 Stories in my Blood ... Amy Ryan, M McCaw, M Stripp, G Carrfoot, L Milner
 That Young Man Was My Brother ... Justin Standley
 The Ballad Of Phyllis Frost Prison ... Jonathan Hibbert
 The Goobragandra Packhorse Man ... Brian Stitt
 To Fill the Pail ... Kylie Adams-Collier
 Waler ... Peter Monaghan
 You Don't Have To Be A Hero ... Michelle Little
 Your Heart Will Pull You Through ... Norman Crew

Lyrics Only

Down the Line ... Kevin Pye
 Four Hands Around One Heart ... Susan Muranty
 Ghosts of Cobb and Co ... Helen Harvey
 Making Sense of Henry ... Kevin Pye
 Melancholy ... Michelle Morgan
 My Happy Place ... Faith Julija Kristensen
 Not Gone ... Allan West
 Right Kind Of Wrong ... Christine Eccleston, Angus Gill
 Saddle There For Me ... Christine Eccleston, Luke Austen
 She Also Served ... Kevin Pye
 Some Loving Left To Do ... Susan Muranty
 Ten Acres out of Town ... Kevin Pye
 The Anniversary Waltz ... Kevin Pye
 The Rains On Uluru ... Anne Fraser
 This House ... Simon Berger
 When the Brumbies come to Water ... Kevin Pye
 When The Murrumbidgee's In a Hurry ... Christine Eccleston

New Songwriter

Burning ... Sari Abbott
 Consider Me Gone ... Chloe Styler
 Handle It ... Felicity Dowd
 Kiss You When The Rain Comes ... Sally Jane Pottinger
 Let It All Roll Out ... Billie-Jo Porter, Rachael Kennedy
 Like a Bull Rider ... Mackenzie Lee Hall
 My Side of Town ... Paul Ricketts
 Strong Enough ... Anita Spring
 The Northern Coast ... Michael Lehn, Catherine Lehn
 Too Young ... Sally Jane Pottinger
 Where We Stand ... Chloe Styler

Novice (the Garry Koehler Commemorative Award)

A Country Song ... Brian Murray
 Desert Blooming ... Owen Smith
 Long Road To Tamworth ... Floyd Black
 One For Sorrow ... Allan West, Ren Kyder
 One Horse ... Allan West, Ren Kyder
 Our Fallen Heroes ... Brian Murray, Jeanne Murray
 The Fencing Line ... Mark Griffin
 The Pioneer's Wife ... Brian Stewart
 Wishing Star ... Allan West
 You Are A Lighthouse ... Shirley Goslett

Youth (the John P Toomey Commemorative Award)

Brunette Country Girl ... Jake Murdoch
 Gem Gem ... Amy Ryan
 Hard Working Man (Needs a Beer) ... Mackenzie Lee Hall
 Hopeless Day ... Dennis Comino
 I'm Off To Tamworth ... Jake Murdoch
 Like a Bull Rider ... Mackenzie Lee Hall
 Wild is a Woman (Double Crossed) ... Mackenzie Lee Hall
 You and I ... Dennis Comino

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Star Maker finalists

The 2023 Top 10 finalists for Toyota Star Maker, Australia's longest-running and most respected country music talent search, have been announced.

They are...

Sari Abbott from Sunrise Beach (Qld)
 Denvah from Rockhampton (Qld)
 Emily Hatton from Brisbane (Qld)
 Finnian Johnson from Maryland (NSW)
 Robbie Mortimer from Orange (NSW)
 Kora Naughton from Albion Park (NSW)
 Kiara Rodrigues from Padstow (NSW)
 Loren Ryan from Tamworth (NSW)
 Claudia Tripp from Perth (WA) and
 Jacob Vincent from Kangaroo Point (NSW)